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	<b>First Named Inventor</b>	Frédéric FORTIN et al.
	<b>COMPLETE IF KNOWN</b>	
	<b>Application Number</b>	Pending: cont of PCT/FR02/02547
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	<b>Art Unit</b>	Pending
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I believe I am the original and first inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

**FLEXIBLE VERTEBRAL LINKING DEVICE**

(Title of the Invention)

the specification of which

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OR

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Application Number  and was amended on (MM/DD/YYYY)  (if applicable).

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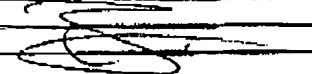
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